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1. EXCEPT FOR A SHORT BREAK OVER THE EASTER WEEKEND, NIGHTLY VIOLENCE IN THE KINGSTON GHETTOS CONTINUES, AND CONTINUES TO BE HEAVILY REPORTED BY THE MEDIA. THE CASUALTY TOLL IS DIFFICULT TO DETERMINE, BUT PERHAPS TWN WERE KILLEDLAST WEEK AND MANY WOUNDED. THE OLYMPIC GARDENS AREA OF SOUTHWEST KINGSTON HAS BEEN THE PRINCIPAL BATTLEGROUND, BUT OTHER AREAS SUCH AS MOUNTAIN VIEW AVENUE HAVE HAD THEIR TRUN. THE ONLY AREA OUTSIDE OF KINGSTON WITH REPORTED VIOLENCE IS SPANISH TOWN.
2. VIRTUALLY ALL OBSERVERS, INCLUDING THE NEW POLICE COMMISSIONER (SEE SEPTEL) ATTRIBUTE MOST OF THE VIOLENCE TO POLITICAL PARTISANS. THE OLYMPIC GARDENS ACTIVITY SEEMS TO BE

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AN OPEN AND BLATANT ATTEMPT BY PEOPLES NATIONAL PARTY MOBS TO INTIMIDATE AND OUST A SMALL BUT STAUNCH JAMAICA LABOR PARTY ENCLAVE. MANY FAMILIES HAVE, IN FACT FLED OR HAVE BEEN BURNED OUT.
3. ONE PLUS IN THIS DETERIORATING SITUATION IS THAT THE PEOPLE OF BOTH PERSUSASIONS "HAVE BEGUN TO POSE CONFIDENCE IN THE POLICE" (TO QUOTE THE GLEANER). EARLIER THERE WS A WIDESPREAD FEELING THAT THE POLICE WERE TAKING SIDES. THE NEW COMMISSIONER SEEMS TO HAVE CHANGED THIS FEELING ALMOST OVERNIGHT,MAINLY BY BEING MUCH MORE OPEN ABOUT POLICE ACTIVITIES.
4. THE NIGHLY SHOOTINGS, BURNIGS, BASHINGS, ETC, ARE WELL AWAY FROM EMBASSY HOUSING AREAS AND SO FAR ARE BEING CONTAINED BY THE POLICE BUT ONLY WITH SOME DIFFICULTY. THE

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CHURCHES ARE CURRENTLY MOUNTING A BIG EFFORT TO ACHIEVE A TRUCE. THOUGH THERE SEEMS TO BE LITTLE WILL FOR PEACE ON EITHER SIDE AT THE MOMENT.

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